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Entry of the preceding amendments and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

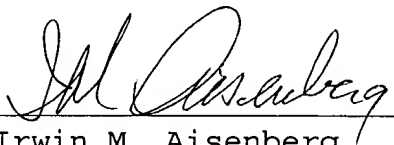
The amendments to claim 1 are entirely editorial in nature and are presented at this time in order to place the claims in better condition for examination and for allowance. Newly presented claims 11 to 19 are based on claim 10 and merely place that claim in condition for examination and avoid having a multiple-dependent claim. Claim 20 is further based on claim 10 and claims 7 to 9. Further support is provided by the final two paragraphs on page 7 and the first paragraph on page 8 of the specification.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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